REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are the only claims pending. Original claims 3-11 and 13-15 have been amended to eliminate multiple ranges and to reduce filing fees by eliminating multiple dependency.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in better form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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